Bifurcation of SAIL Plants

483. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US consultancy firm Mckinsey has recommended the bifurcations of SAIL plants in two companies for long and flat products;

(b) whether his Ministry has accepted the said recommendations; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither his Ministry nor SAIL has made any techno-economical evolution before accepting the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir. The US consultancy firm M/s Mckinsey & Co. has not recommended bifurcation of SAIL Plants into two separate companies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Withdrawal of "Navaratna" Status of SAIL

484. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to withdraw the "Navratna" status conferred on SAIL;

(b) if so, the reasons for such withdrawal;

(c) whether the Group of Ministers which has been constituted to look into this has submitted its report; and

(d) if so,what are the recommendations of the Group of Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (d) Government had considered the proposal of Department of Public Enterprises outlining procedure for making addition/ deletion to the list of Navratna / Miniratna Public Undertakings. It was decided that Group of Ministers may first take a view on this proposal who has not yet considered the same.

Dismantling of RMD Division by SAIL

485. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has decided to dismantle its RMD division and transfer mines to different Steel Plants;